

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 8, 1-13, 15-20, 69-88, 137-139, 141-142 and 145 are pending. Claims 1-6, 8, 1-13, 15-20, 69-88, 137-139, 141-142 and 145 have been rejected.

Claims 1, 3, 12, 69, 71, 80, 137-139, and 141-142 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, the drawings, and in the claims as originally filed. Applicants submit that the amendments do not add new matter.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-6, 8, 10-13, 15-20, 69-74, 76-88, 137-139, 141-142 and 145 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,629,138 to Lambert et al. ("Lambert") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,252,889 to Patki, et al. ("Patki"), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,275,471 to Bushmitch, et al. ("Bushmitch").

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include receiving one or more RTP extensions associated with the streaming media data, wherein each of one or more RTP extensions is a sub-extension in an extensible extended RTP header of the packet of the streaming media data. The sub-extension has a sub-extension name code, data, and a sub-extension identification. The sub-extension name code uniquely identifies and describes the type of data in the sub-extension. The sub-extension identification (ID) identifies the sub-extension within each RTP packet.

Lambert discloses receiving statistics from clients on a remote server when a client accesses Web pages via HTTP protocol on the remote server.

Patki, in contrast, discloses depacketizing RTP data packets. More specifically, Patki discloses receiving data packets, determining the type of the encoding of the data packets, and selecting a depacketizer depending on the type of the encoding (col. 5, line 52- col. 6, line 41).

The Examiner acknowledged that “Lambert and Patki do not ... disclose receiving said streaming media data and storing said streaming media data on a storage device which is capable of being controlled by said caching proxy server; and receiving said one or more RTP extensions associated with said streaming media data, wherein each of said one or more RTP extensions is a sub-extension in an extensible extended RTP header of the packet of said streaming media data, wherein the sub-extension has a name code, which uniquely identifies and describes the type of the data in the sub-extension, and a sub-extension identification (ID) identifying the sub-extension within each RTP packet”, as recited in claim 1 (Office Action, p.p. 4-5, 10/31/06).

The Examiner, however, cites Bushmitch for such teaching.

Applicants respectfully disagree.

Bushmitch discloses transmitting a synchronization source identifier (“SSRC”) with each data packet (col. 4, lines 29-36). The SSRC contains a system identifier called an Object ID (col. 4, lines 38-63). In particular, Bushmitch discloses

The header extension area of the data packet is used to transmit the logical SSRC. The SSRC field of the header portion contains the thread index portion (32-bit) of the Object ID for the sender entity. By setting extension field to one, the header extension area carries the remaining part of the logical SSRC. This remaining part includes the 32-bit IP address of sender entity and the Object ID (64-bit) for receiver entity which is put into the extension header of the data packet. While the above described RTP-based data packets are used for stream-specific data transmittal, application specific standard RTCP messages (as described below) are used for session management, flow control, error correction and other system functions in the media delivery system.

(col. 5, lines 14-25) (emphasis added)

Thus, Bushmitch merely discloses that the header extension carries an IP address of the sender and a system identifier (Object ID) for receiver, in contrast to a sub-extension in an extensible extended RTP header that has a sub-extension name code and data, wherein the sub-extension name code uniquely identifies and describes the type of the data in the sub-extension, as recited in amended claim 1. Additionally, Bushmitch fails to disclose that a sub-extension in

an extensible extended RTP header of the packet of said streaming media data has a sub-extension identification (ID) identifying the sub-extension within each RTP packet, as recited in amended claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that Lambert does not teach or suggest a combination with Patki and Bushmitch, Patki does not teach or suggest a combination with Lambert and Bushmitch, and Bushmitch does not teach or suggest a combination with Lambert and Patki. It would be impermissible hindsight based on the Applicants' own disclosure, to combine Lambert, Patki, and Bushmitch.

Furthermore, even if Lambert, Patki, and Bushmitch were combined, such a combination would lack the following limitations of amended claim 1: receiving one or more RTP extensions associated with said streaming media data, wherein each of the one or more RTP extensions is a sub-extension in an extensible extended RTP header of the packet of the streaming media data, wherein the sub-extension has a sub-extension name code and data, wherein the sub-extension name code uniquely identifies and describes the type of the data in the sub-extension, and a sub-extension identification (ID) identifying the sub-extension within each RTP packet.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Lambert, in view of Patki, and further in view of Bushmitch.

Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent claims 3, 12, 69, 71, 80, 137, 138, 139, 141, 142, and 145 are also not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Lambert, in view of Patki, and further in view of Bushmitch.

Given that claims 2, 4-5, 6, 8, 10-11, 13, 15, 16-20, 70, 72-74, 76-79, and 81-88 depend from amended claims 3, 12, 69, 71, 80, 137, 138, 139, 141, 142, and 145, and add additional limitations, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2, 4-5, 6, 8, 10-11, 13, 15, 16-20, 70, 72-74, 76-79, and 81-88 are not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Lambert, in view of Patki, and further in view of Bushmitch.

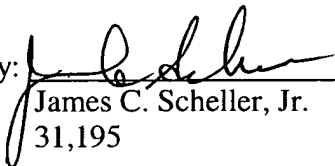
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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